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Stop the alcoholic shtick, Schumer 15

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Unless, of course, you’re in your 20s and still on your parents’ “family” cellphone plan, in which case your father pays for you to text eggplant emojis to guys or girls you want to sleep with. In that scenario? Having a cellphone is more of a right, in your eyes, and less of a privilege.

But I digress, as usual.

The point of bringing all this up? To simply say we’d all appreciate it if you PUT YOUR [BLEEP]ING CELLPHONE DOWN WHILE THE BAND IS PLAYING.

Chicago is filled with incredible concert venues and access to artists who want the experience of absolutely bringing down the

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Seriously? Seven uploaded videos—each 15 seconds long—of you holding your cellphone up from the 47th row? Not to mention that you used 100x zoom and the video is

somehow grainier than the \$11 Goose Island 312 you ordered from a vendor?

And yep, you posted them all 4 minutes after one another.

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And as soon as you feel your hand subconsciously reaching to grab your phone again? Stop yourself by remembering that literally nobody gives any sort of a [bleep] that you’re there. Cheers!

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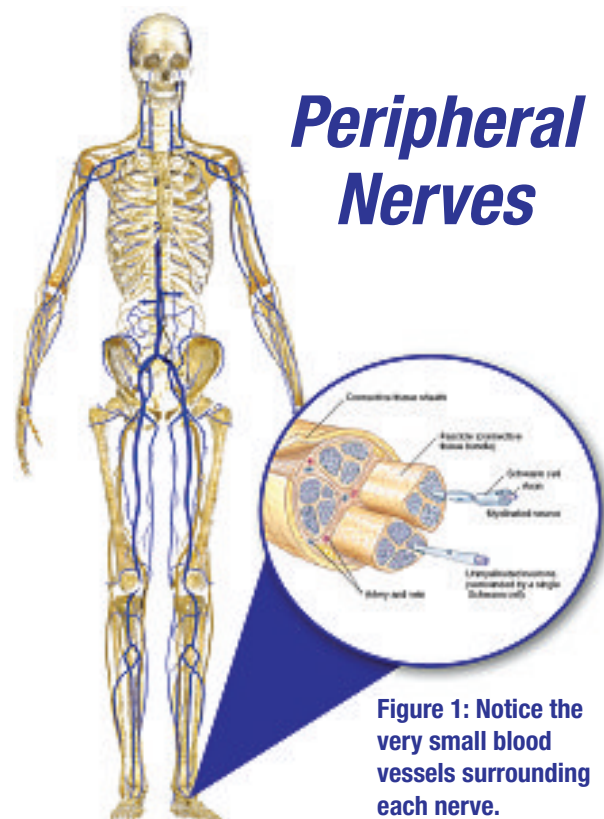
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# Peripheral Neuropathy WARNING!

The most common method your doctor will recommend to treat your neuropathy is with prescription drugs that may temporarily reduce your symptoms. These drugs have names such as Gabapentin, Lyrica, Cymbalta, and Neurontin, and are primarily antidepressant or anti-seizure drugs. These drugs may cause you to feel uncomfortable and have a variety of harmful side effects.



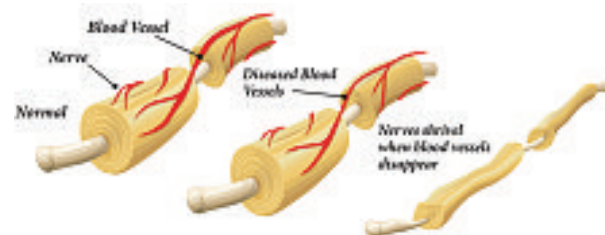
**Figure 1: Notice the very small blood vessels surrounding each nerve.**

Peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the nerves often causing weakness, pain, numbness, tingling, and the most debilitating balance problems.

This damage is commonly caused by a lack of blood flow to the nerves in the hands and feet which causes the nerves to begin to degenerate due to lack of nutrient flow.

As you can see in Figure 1, as the blood vessels that surround the nerves become diseased they shrivel up which causes the nerves to not get the nutrients to continue to survive. When these nerves begin to "die" they cause you to have balance

problems, pain, numbness, tingling, burning, and many additional symptoms.



**Figure 2: When these very small blood vessels become diseased they begin to shrivel up and the nerves begin to degenerate.**

The main problem is that your doctor has told you to just live with the problem or try the drugs which you don't like taking because they make you feel uncomfortable. There is now a facility right here in Chicago that offers you hope without taking those endless drugs with serious side effects. (See the special neuropathy severity examination at the end of this article.)

In order to effectively treat your neuropathy three factors must be determined.

- 1) What is the underlying cause?
- 2) How Much Nerve Damage Has Been Sustained.

NOTE: Once you have sustained 85% nerve loss, there is likely nothing that we can do for you.

- 3) How much treatment will your condition require?

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and seeing the roots grow deeper and deeper.



**Figure 3: The blood vessels will grow back around the nerves much like a plant's roots grow when watered.**

The amount of treatment needed to allow the nerves to fully recover varies from person to person and can only be determined after a detailed neurological and vascular evaluation.

As long as you have not sustained at least 85% nerve damage there is hope!

Dr. Paul Ruzila, D.C. at Chicago Chiropractic & Wellness will do a neuropathy severity examination to determine the extent of the nerve damage for only \$35. This neuropathy severity examination will consist of a detailed sensory evaluation, and a detailed analysis of the findings of your neuropathy. Dr. Paul Ruzila D.C. will be offering this neuropathy severity examination from now until Sunday, December 6th, 2015. Call (312) 212-1150 to make an appointment with Dr. Paul Ruzila D.C. to determine if your peripheral neuropathy can be treated.

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## TIMELINE

A recap of events surrounding recent racial tension at Missouri.

### SEPT. 12

The Missouri Students Association president details on Facebook an incident in which men shouted the N-word at him.

### OCT. 5

Members of the Legion of Black Collegians are the targets of racial slurs as they rehearse for a performance on campus.

### OCT. 10

Members of the Concerned Student 1950 organization block a car carrying University of Missouri System President Tim Wolfe at the school's homecoming parade.

### NOV. 2

Missouri graduate student Jonathan Butler announces he will go on a hunger strike until Wolfe is removed.

### NOV. 7

Black Missouri football players plan to boycott team activities.

### NOV. 8

Football coach Gary Pinkel tweets a photo of players and coaches captioned, "We are behind our players."

Members of the University of Missouri's Legion of Black Collegians and supporters of the student group Concerned Student 1950 gather Saturday after an emotional protest on the school's campus in Columbia, Mo. Black student groups at the campus have complained of racial slurs and other slights for months, leading to protests including one student's hunger strike. **APPHOTO**

# MISSOURI FOOTBALL TEAM JOINS STUDENT PROTESTS

## Associated Press

Student protests over racial incidents on the Missouri campus escalated dramatically over the weekend when at least 30 black football players announced they will not participate in team activities until the University of Missouri System's president is removed.

President Tim Wolfe gave no indication that he has any intention of stepping down, but agreed in a statement Sunday that "change is needed" and said the university is working to draw up a plan by April to promote diversity and inclusion.

"I am dedicated to ongoing dialogue to address these very complex, societal issues as they affect our campus community," Wolfe's statement read.

For months, black student groups have complained of racial slurs and other slights on the overwhelmingly white 35,000-student campus.

On Saturday night, black members of the football team joined the outcry.

The athletes did not say explicitly whether they would boycott the team's three remaining games this season. The Tigers' next game is Saturday; canceling it could cost the school millions.

Football coach Gary Pinkel expressed solidarity with the black players on Twitter by posting a picture of the team and coaches locking arms. The tweet read: "The Mizzou Family stands as one. We are united. We are behind our players."

The statement from the football players included a photograph of 32 black men. Among them was Jonathan Butler, a black graduate student who is a week into a hunger strike to call attention to racial problems on campus.

"The athletes of color on the University of Missouri football team truly believe 'Injustice Anywhere is a threat to Justice Everywhere,'" the players said. "We will no longer participate in any football related activities until President Tim Wolfe resigns or is removed due to his negligence toward marginalized students' experience. WE ARE UNITED!!!!!"

Some of the protests have been led by an organization called Concerned Student 1950, which gets its name from the year the university accepted its first black student.

It has demanded among other actions that Wolfe "acknowledge his white male privilege," that he be removed immediately and that the school adopt a mandatory racial-awareness program and hire more black faculty and staff.

Already, at Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin's request, the university has announced plans to require diversity training for all new students starting in January, along with faculty and staff.

On Sunday, Wolfe said most of the 1950 group's demands have already been incorporated in the university's draft plan for promoting diversity and inclusion.

The school's undergraduate population is 79 percent white and 8 percent black, according to the Columbia Daily Tribune.



# BUILDUP

Instead of a Rutgers football stadium, maybe Lego has an answer for D-Rose's injuries.



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97.1 The Drive "24/7" on NBC 5

1	Waiting all weekend for a Monday night Bears game is ...	... like waiting on a blind date. It could be good, but let's be honest, we know it's gonna be a trainwreck.	... like having a three-day weekend.	... like waiting all year for a new Adele album and then hating it. (Please be good, please be good.)	... incredibly easy? The only thing worse than realizing it's Monday is seeing the Bears on MNF.	... like waiting on the new "Star Wars" movie. The buildup is huge, but once you see it, it's not that good. #Bearzzzz
2	Derrick Rose is great, then he's not. He's great, then he's not. What gives?	As a fan of the "Star Trek" movies, he's paying tribute by sucking every other game.	It depends on the weather. Those aching joints, man.	What gives out? Usually his knees. Recently his face.	Consult one of his 26 injuries. Probably stubbed his toe walking to the scorer's table.	He's not an MVP anymore. #JimmyButlersTeamNow
3	An announcer fell asleep working a Champions League game. Should he be commended or condemned?	He should be given a pillow and a blanket.	Condemned. How can one fall asleep while gazing at Cristiano Ronaldo? Though to be fair, it's soccer.	He should be signing an endorsement deal with 5-hour Energy.	Have you ever watched Paris Saint-Germain play? They're boring. I don't blame the guy.	Dang that Dong Lu! Well, does that answer your question on how exciting soccer is outside the World Cup?
4	Who said this: "Rutgers ... they're not ready for a Lego mini-stadium in my eyes"?	Lego Donald Trump?	"The Lego Movie" writers. Emmet will play Big Ten football in the sequel.	Zoolander. How can they play football if they can't even fit in the stadium?	A grown-ass man with an unfortunate amount of time on his hands. Not a shocker that he's from Columbus, either.	Mini Ditka. #DitkaUnlacherSausage
5	By the time the baseball free agency dust settles, the Cubs will have ...	... a dust buster. And another starting pitcher.	... brushed that dirt off their shoulders.	... three-quarters of the Wrigley construction still left to do. And a new starting pitcher.	... more overpaid individuals given massive salaries to hit a ball with a wooden stick.	... fans, regardless of whether they win. Oh, and more nice new bathrooms! #107Years (Insert flush sound effect here)

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**Jeremy Langford**  
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## SPOTLIGHT ON MATT FORTE'S UNDERSTUDY

**Chicago Tribune**

For as long as Jeremy Langford can remember, his dad, Jeffery, has been his teacher and his sounding board. So it was no surprise this week that Jeremy reached out for another reflective chat.

The two talked at length about opportunities—the unpredictable ways they come about and the biggest keys to seizing them. Jeffery first reminded his son of the need to harness his excitement, to embrace this current moment while still retaining perspective. A breakthrough opportunity does not have to come with stifling pressure.

“Don’t try to have a 1,000-yard season in one game,” Jeffery said. “Read the plays. Take what’s given to you. And be effective.”

And while it’s a tall order for a fourth-round pick playing his eighth game to fill in for a back as accomplished and revered as Matt Forte, Jeffery also made sure to remind his son that he’s equipped to succeed.

“If Jeremy wasn’t prepared,” Jeffery said, “God wouldn’t have opened this door for him to walk through.”

What the Bears want at San Diego is for Langford to show who he is—a fast, strong runner with pass-catching prowess and increasing reliability in pass protection. Langford can’t wait to prove he’s truly ready, as enthused as he ever has been to take the stage.

“I’ve been going to sleep early. Eating good. Studying hard,” he said. “The same things I’ve been doing, but just investing that much more.”

“The whole world’s watching ‘Monday Night Football.’ You’re the only game on TV. And now I’m a starter.”

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## THE DIGIT

**58** That’s how many times Bears tight end Martellus Bennett has been targeted through seven games this season, the same number he had at this point in 2014. He caught 90 passes last season, a record for a Bears tight end; Bennett has 37 receptions this year. Only three tight ends have been targeted more than Bennett through Week 8: New England’s Rob Gronkowski (63), Carolina’s Greg Olsen (62) and Cleveland’s Gary Barnidge (59).

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Is there such a thing as a good 2-5 team? Probably not, though the Bears feel like they’re better than they were last season under Marc Trestman. And don’t be surprised if the Bears find a way to make it to 3-5, as new coach John Fox has owned the AFC West. The Bears are 2-0 this season against the AFC West, the division in which Fox coached when he was with the Broncos.

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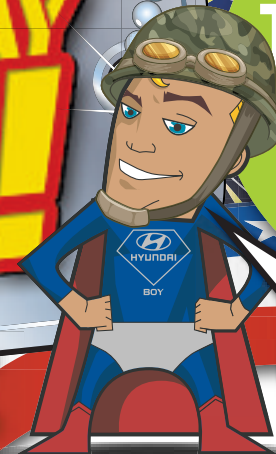
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cover story

# PUT A STRING ON IT

**ELECTRIC VIOLINIST BRINGS CLASSICAL  
TRAINING TO CHICAGO'S CLUB SCENE**

By Maham Khan | FOR REDEYE

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Donning a black leather dress, a bright blue fur coat and platform sneakers, Katarina Visnevskaya could pass for a weekend clubgoer at the Loop's popular Roof on The Wit. But her presence demands attention as she steps onto a raised platform in the middle of the busy lounge.

While the DJ begins to spin Daft Punk's "Get Lucky," Visnevskaya searches for the right notes. It takes only a few seconds before she tilts her chin toward a dollar sign-shaped electric violin and starts to play.

Her long blond hair absorbs the blue and pink hues of the club's bouncing spotlights. With each stroke of the bow, she bobs and sways, forcing strands of hair to leap around her face in a fit of musical fervor. Amplified low G notes, high E notes and every powerful chord in between vibrate the room, pulling her listeners into a symphony of electric sound and energy.

Illuminated phones pop out from the crowd to capture Visnevskaya—or Kat V, her stage name—the electric violinist who accompanies the DJ in perfect improvised harmony. Helene Dacey, a 24-year-old Lincoln Park resident, is one such audience member.

"Oh my God! You are so awesome," Dacey screams to Visnevskaya, reaching for a hug as she steps off the platform. "I have never seen the violin like that before."

In Chicago's diverse club scene, electric musicians—specifically violinists—are a novelty in rising demand, according to Clayton de la Chapelle, a talent buyer with The Music Trust, a Chicago-based company that books and aligns venues with musical talent.

"Clubs are always looking for more interactive experiences with their audiences," he said. "Whenever they ask for something more upscale and sexy, I always book Kat."

Visnevskaya has performed in many of Chicago's favorite clubs, including Underground, Cuvee, Shay and Spybar, just to name a few. Now she's traveling the country to perform on behalf of major brands such as Patron. But the Gold Coast resident's journey to the top wasn't easy.

Visnevskaya's late grandmother, who played viola for the Latvian National Symphony Orchestra, started training her in classical music when she was just 5 years old. Visnevskaya moved to the U.S. at age 16 and later graduated from DePaul University with a major in music performance. At the time, Visnevskaya was sure she wanted to take the traditional route and become a concert violinist just like her grandmother. But when it came time for her to pursue those professional opportunities after graduation, she decided to change paths.

"I realized that the orchestra life was not

aligned with my interests in modern music," she said. "I wanted to be playing music that everyone would listen to—I wanted to be relevant."

In a typical orchestra, Visnevskaya said, violinists are trained to sound exactly like the concertmaster, blending in total harmony. For her, the idea of sticking to notes that were written by others was too limiting. She wanted to break free from the boundaries set by classical music.

"I knew I wanted it all to come together somehow: my classical training and my love for jazz and improvisation," Visnevskaya said. "I wanted to connect face-to-face with my audience. And most of all, I wanted to feel like one whole complete being with the instrument in that moment."

She found her niche a few years ago when she was offered the opportunity to show off her skills by accompanying the DJ at Double A in River North. The manager at the time, Victor DeLeon, had just returned from a trip to Brazil, where he saw violinists performing in

the vibrant nightlife scene. Darcy Demmel, a 34-year-old Old Town resident, was in the crowd for Visnevskaya's debut.

"What we heard that night five years ago was awe-inspiring," Demmel said. "We were hooked."

Despite not being huge fans of the club scene, Demmel and her husband were at Roof on The Wit for Visnevskaya's most recent performance.

No matter what club she's performing at, Visnevskaya said she walks on stage without knowing exactly what songs will come from the DJ booth.

"I'm always freestyling. Usually, like on this night at the Roof, I only know the DJ's name. I have no idea what [he or] she's going to play. I'm completely blind," she said. "I have a perfect pitch, so I listen for the key and then for the style of music. If it's housey or hip-

hoppy, then I ... give it that kind of feel."

Demmel said that's what makes the shows so memorable.

"I think knowing that she is freestyling is the coolest part of it," Demmel explained.

I knew I wanted it all to come together somehow: my classical training and my love for jazz and improvisation. I wanted to connect face-to-face with my audience. And most of all, I wanted to feel like one whole complete being with the instrument in that moment."



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"I always liked the violin and I like modern music, but watching them come together in total spontaneity is something I love."

For Visnevskaya, opportunities to freestyle in front of an attentive crowd validate her career choice. This year, she even picked up DJ-ing and plans to spin her own original mixes and play violin at the same time.

"There's no worrying about if I am going to hit all the right notes. In classical performances, everyone knows the program, they've heard that concerto 200 to 300 times," she said. "They know what to expect; they know every note that needs to be played. You spend hours practicing and worrying about how your performance is going to go."

Over the past few months, Visnevskaya has joined Rod Stewart on stage, performed with Manic Focus at North Coast Musical Festival and collaborated with Chicago rapper ProCause for an upcoming release. She added that she hopes to release an album of her original work this January.

While her love for classical music will never fade, Visnevskaya's unintentional rebellion against the genre's boundaries helped her create a new landscape in Chicago's busy music scene. And that's something she hopes her late grandmother would be proud of.

"I think it's an artist's responsibility, if we're alive today, to connect to our surroundings and to the energy that is around us and to the relevant events that are happening," Visnevskaya said. "Through time, music has always told a story of that time, and music from our generation should do the same."

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You may have heard of Amy Schumer. She hosted “Saturday Night Live” about a month ago and recently won an Emmy for her show “Inside Amy Schumer.” If that doesn’t ring a bell and you somehow haven’t seen her virtually everywhere in the latter portion of this

year, maybe you saw “Trainwreck”? I mean, of course you saw it—everyone from your mom to your co-worker’s dog jumped on the movie’s bandwagon this summer, so much so that it’s part of the increasingly deafening conversation about Oscar 2016 predictions. Let me be clear: That screenplay does not deserve a nomination.

Here’s the fresh story the 34-year-old comedian and first-time screenwriter concocted: Girl falls for guy, guy asks girl to change, girl changes and they live happily ever after. It’s basically “Grease” with vagina jokes. Sandy strapped on her leather, and Amy threw away all her bongos. Not exactly modern or revolutionary. Just a story (which, by the way, arrives on DVD Tuesday) about a man without an arc and a girl who “grows up” only to the degree that she can still perform for her dude in a cheerleader outfit.

And with Schumer’s sudden omnipresence, it’s worth noting that she’d have you believe she didn’t go the way of her “Trainwreck” character and clean up her act; she’s still making the same alcoholic-related jokes that have propped up her comedy throughout her career. When she presented at the Emmys, she remarked that she was glad to give out the first award “because I have a blackout scheduled for 10 p.m.” She joked in her “SNL” monologue that the first question she asked Hillary Clinton was, “Do you drink?” According to Schumer, one of her most frequent Google searches is, “Can I drink on these antibiotics?”

She wants you to think that she drinks herself into a stupor every day of the week, which is (not) hilarious considering that she writes, produces and stars in her own Emmy-winning show, opened one of the few successful movies this summer and is currently pushing for gun control reform in Congress. It’s just not possible to be successful at that level while being a trainwreck.

This is where you say, “Schumer is playing a character! Why are you taking issue with her decision to pretend she’s a drunken mess for the sake of comedy?” Well, for one, it’s just not that funny, and such an odd contrast from what she does offstage. Consider the rightly acclaimed material she’s recently created on her show: a vicious commentary on Hollywood’s ageism in “Last F\*\*kable Day,” a takedown of the relationship between

football and rape culture in a “Friday Night Lights” parody, and a remake of “12 Angry Men” that observes the intense scrutiny of women’s appearances. At her best, Schumer is devastatingly clever and pointed. She’s also infinitely funnier as a brilliant feminist than as a drunk girl character.

But the real issue is that Schumer is revered for her honesty. Everyone loves that she’ll tell it like it is. In her “Live at the Apollo” special, she commented that one of her New Year’s resolutions was to “just once, take off a pair of underwear and have it not look like I blew my nose in it.” Ugh. Talk about a joke that instantly upped the awkward of the room. But that’s Schumer! Men have been making penis jokes for years, so what’s wrong with an uncomfortably honest vagina truth?

As long as Schumer holds on to her drunk girl persona, though, she’ll be holding herself back from the honesty that makes her comedy interesting and forward-thinking in the first place. I don’t doubt that her life is still messy and complicated and full of mistakes, but I find it hard to believe that those mistakes involve daily blackouts. I’m not sure why she still finds that ripe for the stage and saves her biting cultural insights for her show. She may have seen success with “Trainwreck,” but it’s time to move forward and mine material—the success and the failures—from her current life as Amy Schumer, not “Amy Schumer.”

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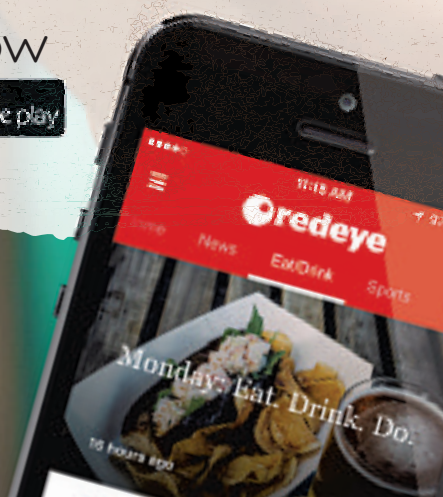
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**Scorpio** Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

A new moon on Wednesday will fall in your sign, allowing you to create an important fresh start in just about any area of your life. If it happens to be your love life you're looking to change, you're in luck. A soul mate might be closer than you think.



**Sagittarius** Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Thanks to a new moon in Scorpio this Wednesday, You'll have an opportunity to face one of your most crushing fears or worries connected to getting as close as possible with someone special. Be brave.



**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

If you've been neglecting your personal life in favor of career pursuits, you might realize that you're now a bit lonely. Romance might also have eluded you. No worries! Now, you'll have more opportunities to enjoy time with friends. Take them.



**Aquarius** Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

If you're single and looking to meet someone, your prospects look quite interesting these days. You might meet someone new through a learning endeavor or international travel, or even meet someone from another part of the world.



**Pisces** Feb. 19 - March 20

This week, you and your mate might gain the courage to work through a situation you both have tried hard to sweep under the rug in the past. You'll both feel motivated to fix it. Get to work!



**Aries** March 21 - April 19

After Thursday, there's nothing you won't do to ensure your relationship works. You'll have an interesting lesson about knowing when to push your partner and when to back off. Is all fair in love and war? You're about to find out. Game on!



**Taurus** April 20 - May 20

A new moon in your relationship sector on Wednesday will help you and your partner begin anew in some capacity. What do you want to change or initiate in order to make your connection even deeper?



**Gemini** May 21 - June 20

Until Jan. 3 you'll have the opportunity to pursue more pleasure than you have in quite some time. If you're single, a love connection is imminent! If you're attached, expect passion everywhere.



**Cancer** June 21 - July 22

If you're single, circulate more and increase your odds of meeting someone special. You're likely to fall for the deep and mysterious person. Getting to know this person might be your main priority, and if so, you're not likely to be disappointed.



**Leo** July 23 - Aug. 22

On Thursday, you'll gain the courage to discuss any situation that you previously felt anxious or intimidated about. Between then and Jan. 3, you will not shy away from talking about anything. On Friday you'll notice that you and your partner can make an important decision effortlessly.



**Virgo** Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

An intense discussion with your sweetheart Tuesday might lead to a positive turning point. Although you might not reach a solid definition of your romance, one thing will become clear: You're both invested in seeing where the road leads.



**Libra** Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Mars will enter Libra on Thursday and will remain in your sign until Jan. 3. This once-in-two-years journey will help you become more motivated to pursue whatever (and whomever) gets your blood pumping most. Don't waste it!

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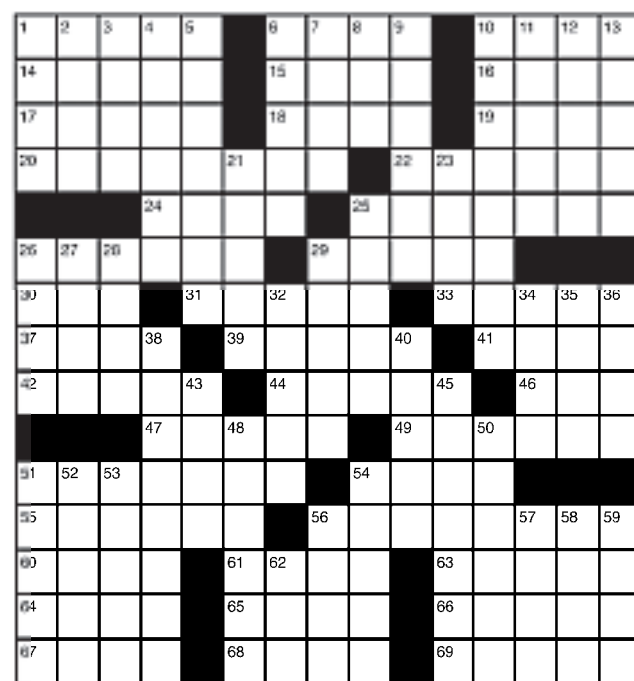


## ACROSS

- 1 Frequently  
6 Famous apple eater  
10 Hair on a lion's neck  
14 Without companions  
15 "Over hill, over \_ we will hit the dusty."  
16 Reason to bathe  
17 \_ cotilla; patio pot material  
18 Leave out  
19 Hideaway  
20 Rubio and Feinstein  
22 Go by, as time  
24 Cowboy Aubrey  
25 Lifted up  
26 Embrace  
29 Makes a salary  
30 Family card game  
31 \_ on; reports to authorities  
33 Actress Estelle  
37 Night twinkler  
39 Dutch flower  
41 \_ as a bolt  
42 Yearned  
44 Happen again  
45 Religious sister  
47 Compare  
49 Ribs  
51 Commanded  
54 Gigantic  
55 Bam! out  
56 Divide up  
60 "Oh, dear me!"  
61 Family member  
63 Leg bone  
64 TV's "Let's \_ a Deal"  
65 Jimmy Carter's middle name  
66 "Andersen's Fairy \_"  
67 Log splitters  
68 Charles and Romano  
69 On the ball

## DOWN

- 1 Feed bag morsels  
2 Escape  
3 Having mixed feelings  
4 Infuriate  
5 Tidiest



- 6 Worship  
7 Beaver projects  
8 Actress \_ MacGraw  
9 Shooting star  
10 Thick syrup  
11 Change to make fit  
12 Clamor  
13 Miscalculated  
21 Beginning  
23 \_ winded; too talkative  
25 \_ training; boot camp  
26 Part of a tooth  
27 "Nay" voter  
28 Reddish horse  
29 Actress Burstyn  
32 Tempted; enticed  
34 Heavy weights  
35 Factual  
36 Strong urges  
38 Sets free  
40 \_ with; tolerate  
43 Soil  
45 Boat race  
48 Big enough fish  
50 Antenna  
51 2012 winner  
52 Kick back  
53 Male duck  
54 Gets well  
56 Nimble  
57 Qualified  
58 Wedding cake layer  
59 Oregon-to-New York direction  
62 Motorists' assn.



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- » Around 60 percent of English words contain a silent letter.
- » North Korea is technically a necrocracy, because Kim Il-Sung is officially the eternal president.
- » The blowholes of sperm whales are located on the left side of the whale's head, rather than on top.
- » In the Middle Ages, the "k" and the "gh" were pronounced in the word "knight."

## tonight's CHOICES

7 p.m. on CBS 2  
**Supergirl**

If you can't get to your actual target, go after one of the target's loved ones — a familiar modus operandi used in the case of superheroes in the new episode "Fight or Flight." A nemesis of Superman known as Reactron (guest star Chris Browning) comes to National City and sets his sights on Supergirl (Melissa Benoist) ... who has another concern, the tell-all story Cat (Calista Flockhart) intends to publish about her.

7 p.m. on NBC 5  
**The Voice**

Three consecutive nights of "The Live Playoffs" begin as the last 20 contestants make their bids for a spot in the upcoming live shows. Having made it to this stage of the competition, they give it all they've got for coaches Adam Levine, Blake Shelton, Gwen Stefani and Pharrell Williams — but the field of hopefuls will be whittled down significantly by the time this round is over on Wednesday. Carson Daly is the host.

7 p.m. on WGN 9  
**Crazy Ex-Girlfriend**

A bad date has lingering effects in the new episode "Josh and I Are Good People," as Greg (Santino Fontana) not only doesn't let Rebecca (Rachel Bloom) off the hook for it,

he labels her an awful individual in front of the person she most wants to think well of her — Josh (Vincent Rodriguez III). To try to reverse the tide, she assists the divorcing Darryl (Pete Gardner). Paula (Donna Lynne Champlin) gets to run the office for a day.

7 p.m. on FOX 32  
**Gotham**

How strong is Barbara's (Erin Richards) loyalty to ex-flame Jim Gordon (Ben McKenzie)? Evidently not strong enough to make her resist being dispatched by Galavan (James Frain) on a mission against him in the new episode "Rise of the Villains: Tonight's the Night." At the same time, Bullock and Barnes (Donald Logue, Michael Chiklis) are in pursuit of Barbara, so it's a matter of who gets to whom first.

7:15 p.m. on The U 26.1  
**NFL Football**

Two struggling squads come to loggerheads tonight in Southern California, where Philip Rivers and the San Diego Chargers welcome in Jay Cutler and the Chicago Bears. Both teams have been ravaged by injuries in the early going, the Bolts going without offensive linemen King Dunlap, Orlando Franklin and Chris Watt, and da Bears with Cutler, wideout Alshon Jeffery and offensive linemen Jermon Bushrod and Will Montgomery missing time.

8 p.m. on CBS 2  
**Scorpion**

The team has an ulterior motive for taking a job for the CIA in the new episode "Area 51." The big



Blake Shelton is a coach to the contestants in "The Voice" Monday on NBC.

paycheck they'll receive for locating a covertly developed airplane — in the long-mysterious region indicated by the story's subtitle — will enable Walter (Elyes Gabel) to advance his research into a cure for his sister Megan (guest star Camille Guaty). Billy Wirth also guest stars. Katharine McPhee, Robert Patrick and Eddie Kaye Thomas also star.

8 p.m. on WGN 9  
**Jane the Virgin**

This show hasn't gone for big-name guest stars often, but it certainly gets one in the new "Chapter Twenty-Seven": Britney Spears, playing herself — and evidently, she has a checkered past with Rogelio (Jaime Camil) that comes out when she stays at the Marbella. Jane (Gina Rodriguez) nears making her choice of a romantic partner. Alba's (Ivonne Coll) bid for American citizenship is complicated by Xo's (Andrea Navedo) history. Brett Dier also stars.

8 p.m. on PBS 11  
**Antiques Roadshow**

A popular recurring feature of the series gets another go-round with Part 1 of the new "Junk in the Trunk 5," showcasing appraisals recorded for previous episodes but never aired. The result is a potpourri of items surveyed in various cities, and they include a very visual map of San Francisco dating back to the mid-1920s, Chinese bowl from the very start of the 20th century, and specially authenticated photos from NASA.

8 p.m. on FOX 32  
**Bones**

The series' 200th episode — titled, of all things, "The 200th" — was directed by co-star David Boreanaz, who helped make the story a tribute to the work of Alfred Hitchcock. To that end, the tale envisions the characters in the 1950s, when Brennan (Emily Deschanel) is a police detective who runs up against jewel thief Booth (David Boreanaz). He needs her help in clearing himself of a socialite's murder. Guest star Ryan O'Neal returns.

8 p.m. on HIST  
**Bigfoot Captured**

Many fictional works have revolved around the mythical, fearsome creature — but what if it actually was encountered and taken into custody? This program poses the possibility from the standpoint of it allegedly already having happened, with the purported evidence shown here. The outcome, including what such a capture would mean for those who have spent endless hours and resources

trying to put such an event in effect, is considered in detail.

8:59 p.m. on CBS 2  
**NCIS: Los Angeles**

Chris O'Donnell — alias the show's Callen — directed the new episode "An Unlocked Mind," sending Kensi and Deeks (Daniela Ruah, Eric Christian Olsen) on another undercover mission. They infiltrate a cult to reach a former Department of Defense worker who has been brainwashed into giving up classified information, prompting the NCIS team to keep it from falling into the wrong hands.

9 p.m. on NBC 5  
**Blindspot**

Did one of the tattoos foretell a police officer's murder? Patterson (Ashley Johnson) probes that possibility in the new episode "Persecute Envoys," especially since the killings may not stop unless the perpetrator can be found and apprehended quickly. Weller (Sullivan Stapleton) learns some questionable aspects of Mayfair's (Marianne Jean-Baptiste) past.

9 p.m. on FX  
**Fargo**

If there's any doubt of which era this prequel season is set, consider that Ronald Reagan is making a campaign swing through the area in the new episode "The Gift of the Magi." Lou (Patrick Wilson) is frustrated to find himself sidelined from duty for the occasion. Peggy and Ed (Kirsten Dunst, Jesse Plemons) can't come to terms on what their next move should be, while Floyd (Jean Smart) decides to make a move. Ted Danson also stars.



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**THE QUOTE**  
“MY LIFE BASICALLY BLEW UP IN MY FACE. AND NOW I’M IN THIS NEW LIFE, AND IT’S PRETTY AWESOME, I HAVE TO SAY – I’M SO INSPIRED AND BEING BACK ON [‘THE VOICE’], AND JUST BEING IN A NEW PLACE.

—Gwen Stefani, to InStyle, about where she is after her divorce from her husband, Gavin Rossdale. Stefani is now dating fellow “The Voice” judge Blake Shelton.

## THE DIGIT

# \$73M

That’s how much money “Spectre” made at the box office this weekend, making it the second-biggest Bond debut of all time, according to **ew.com**. It fell short of “Skyfall’s” \$88.4 million record. “Spectre” is the seventh-biggest opening of the year, Entertainment Weekly reported.



## New ‘Little Mermaid’ swimming to your screen

Chloe Moretz has been tapped to play the title character in a new live-action version of “The Little Mermaid,” according to **variety.com**. The movie will be produced by Universal, but not much else is known. It’s supposed to be a “retelling” of the classic story. Soooooo, we hope it doesn’t change so much like “Maleficent,” ‘cause woof.

## Not ideal

Looks like Hannibal Buress’ Comedy Central series “Why? With Hannibal Buress” might not be returning for a second season. Buress told the New York Post, “If I had to guess, I probably wouldn’t be doing that again. It was definitely some good moments, it definitely got better as the season flowed along, it got more comfortable. It wasn’t the ideal format for me. I don’t think I’ll be doing it again.”

## Glee baby No. 2

It’s another boy for former “Glee” star Heather Morris. The pregnant actress revealed the sex of her baby to E! News on the set of her new short movie “The Cleansing Hour.”

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